

# Western Canada Regional Three Minute Thesis Competition



**May 8, 2024**  
2 to 5 pm

UNC Ballroom  
UBC Okanagan | Kelowna, BC

*The Three Minute Thesis competition celebrates the exciting research conducted by thesis-based graduate students. Developed by The University of Queensland, 3MT cultivates students' academic, presentation, and research communication skills. The competition supports student capacity to effectively explain their research in three minutes, in a language appropriate to a non-specialist audience.*



**THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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## Contestants



### Madison Oud

*Avian Family Planning: Mouth colour in chickadee nestlings depends on urban living and nest timing*

University of Northern British Columbia



### Jenna Letain

*The Buzz About Honey Bee Viruses*

University of Lethbridge



### Mahey J. Shroff

*Peeking into nature's pool game*

University of Victoria



### Tana Jones

*Unlocking Status Quo Bias: Conquering the Wicked Problem of Kamloops Housing*

Thompson Rivers University



### Pawanjit Kaur Sandhu

*How many amino acids are there?*

University of British Columbia Okanagan



### Jeremy Laity

*Relationship and Agency: The Pioneer Settler in Coast Salish British Columbia*

Trinity Western University



### Michael Mensah

*Fresh Solutions for Salty Cows*

University of Regina



### Alexandra Gagnon

*Remand, Release, Reconvict*

University of Alberta



### Marin Habbick

*Is the "Man Cold" for Real?*

University of Saskatchewan



### Olivia Kehler

*Researcher Reflexivity on Empowering Practice in Indigenous Community-Engaged Research*

University of Winnipeg



### Crystal Sandoval

*Mountain and Ocean Movements: Extending Sense of Self and Community with Nature*

Royal Roads University



### Nada Al-Emadi

*Disarming C. difficile: The Fragmented Approach*

University of British Columbia Vancouver



### Meggan Franks

*It's About Engagement, Not Management: The Key to Volunteer Retention*

Athabasca University



### Darsh Tripathi

*Does Inherent Aerobic Capacity Protect Against Knee Joint Degeneration?*

University of Calgary



### Anam Ara

*Is all smoke the same?*

University of Manitoba



### Naveed Ali

*Superdiversity as a Superpower: Honouring IBPOC Stories in Provincial Literacy Assessment Practices*

Vancouver Island University



### Erin Williams

*Rhythm beneath the waves: the challenges of fainting during artistic swimming*

Simon Fraser University

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## Judging Panel

**Dr. Lesley Cormack**, Principal and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of UBC Okanagan

**Heather Berringer**, Associate Provost, Academic Operations and Services at UBC Okanagan

**Marten Youssef**, Associate Vice-President of University Relations at UBC Okanagan

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# Rules

- Presentations are limited to 3 minutes and competitors exceeding three minutes are disqualified.
- Presentations are to be spoken word (no poems, raps, or songs).
- Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through speech.
- A single static PowerPoint slide is permitted (no slide transitions, animations or 'movement').
- No additional electronic media (e.g., sound and video files) are permitted.
- No additional props (e.g., costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.
- The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.

## Judging Criteria

### Comprehension and Content

- Presentation provided clear motivation, background, and significance to the research question.
- Presentation clearly described the research strategy/design and the results/findings of the research.
- Presentation clearly described the conclusions, outcomes, and impact of the research.

### Engagement and Communication

- The oration was delivered clearly, and the language was appropriate for a non-specialist audience.
- The PowerPoint slide was well-defined and enhanced the presentation.
- The presenter conveyed enthusiasm for their research and captured and maintained the audience's attention.

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## People's Choice Award

An important aspect of the competition is the People's Choice Award. Following all presentations, the audience is asked to vote on who they thought gave the most convincing 3MT presentation (based on their understanding of the criteria above).

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